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SUBJECT: TITLE V

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1. ALTHOUGH IT DOES NOT COVER DETAIL SUCH AS TRAINING, REPORTS TO CONGRESS,ETC., THE SCIENCE MAGAZINE ACCOUNT OF TITLE V WAS REASONABLY ACCURATE ON FUNDAMENTALS. THE LANGUAGE IS BROAD AND THEREFORE SUBJECT TO DIFFERING UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT COULD BE INTERPRETED.

2. THE DEPARTMENTS ARE CURRENTLY AT ODDS OVER TITLE V. DOD, CIA, DOE, AND OSTP ARE TO VARYING DEGREES IN OPPOSITION TO A FORMAL LEGISLATED STATEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
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STATE'S PRIMACY IN OVERSEEING INTERNATIONAL S&T ACTIVITIES. THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED BY COMMITTEE REPORT EXPLANATORY LANGUAGE EXEMPTING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY MATTERS. THEY OBJECT TO THE SUBSTANCE, NOT THE WORDS.

3. AS OF 15 JUNE, THE DEPARTMENTS, HAVING FAILED TO AGREE ON A COMMON POSITION, ARE SUBMITTING POSITION PAPERS TO OMB.

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4. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, CONSIDERING THIS PRIMARILY A POLICY RATHER THAN A LEGISLATIVE MATTER, AND HAVING GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT TO TITLE V, SUBMITS THAT THE POLICY ISSUES INVOLVED, AND SUPPORT FOR THE SECRETARY'S ROLE IN S&T IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MUST BE SETTLED AND REAFFIRMED AT THE PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL.

5. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANYTHING SPECIFIC YOU COULD PRESENTLY DO FROM AMMAN. OES IS CARRYING THE BALL IN OUR SUPPORT. THE DEPARTMENT IS IN AGREEMENT ON THE NEED TO GIVE STRONG SUPPO ZABLOCKI'S EFFORT IN OUR BEHALF AND MAKE A FIGHT OF IT.

6. SHOULD THE ADMINISTRATION END UP IN OPPOSITION OR BE NEUTRAL ON THE LEGISLATION, WHICH IS A POSSIBILITY, OTHER POSITIVE AFFIRMATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE WILL BE NEEDED AND WE WILL PRESS FOR IT. YOU SHOULD BE ON BOARD BY THAT TIME AND WE WILL WELCOME YOU TO THE FRAY.

7. REGARDS. CHRISTOPHER

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